# ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SUMMARIES C-26 MONTHLY STATION CLIMATE SUMMARIES 

Climatography of the United States No. 20 1971-2000


## INTRODUCTION

The Climatography of the United States No. 20 (CLIM20), Monthly Station Climate Summaries for 1971-2000 are station summaries of particular interest to agriculture, industry, and engineering applications. These summaries contain a variety of statistics for temperature, precipitation, snow, freeze dates, and degree day elements for 4,273 stations. The new CLIM20's were developed after reviewing suggestions from customers and soliciting comments from climate service providers such as state and regional climatologists and the National Climatic Data Center's (NCDC) Climate Services Branch. This product updates and expands on the previous version by adding statistics and thresholds to the temperature, precipitation, and snow climatologies and including 32 degrees Fahrenheit ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) as a base to the degree days table.

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The station summaries are grouped into five tables:

## (1) Monthly and annual temperature climatologies (Figure 1).

A. Means of daily maximum, daily minimum, average temperature, and extremes of monthly average temperature and year of occurrence derived from the 1971-2000 monthly normals. Information about the 1971-2000 Monthly Normals is available in the reference section near the end of this document.
B. Highest and lowest daily temperature extremes and date of occurrence derived from the station's full period of record contained in NCDC's Cooperative Summary of Day Dataset. Information about NCDC's Cooperative Daily Dataset is available in the reference section.
C. Heating and cooling degree days computed with a base temperature $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ derived from the 1971-2000 monthly normals.
D. Mean number of days for threshold temperatures. Mean number of days when maximum temperature equals or exceeds $100,90,50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or when maximum temperature is less than or equal to $32{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. Mean number of days when minimum temperature is less than or equal to $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ or when minimum temperature is less than or equal to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$. The mean number of days statistics are computed from a 1971-2000 serially complete daily data set. Information about the Serially Complete Daily Dataset is available in the reference section.

## (2) Monthly and annual precipitation climatologies (Figure 2).

A. Means, medians ( $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile), and extremes of monthly precipitation derived from the 19712000 monthly normals.
B. Highest daily precipitation extremes and date of occurrence from the station's available digital record.
C. Mean number of days precipitation totals equal or exceed $0.01,0.1,0.5,1.0$ inches. The mean number of days statistics are computed from a 1971-2000 serially complete daily data set.
D. Precipitation probabilities are monthly values of precipitation amounts which correspond to selected levels of probable occurrence. The values represent the probability that the monthly precipitation will be equal to or less than the indicated amount. These values are determined from the incomplete gamma distribution (Crutcher, 1977).

## (3) Monthly and annual snow climatologies (Figure 3).

A. Means, medians, and extremes of monthly snowfall and snow depth derived from the Snow Climatology and 1971-2000 daily data. Information about the Snow Climatology Project is available in the reference section.
B. Highest daily snowfall and snow depth extremes and date of occurrence from the 1971-2000 daily data.
C. Mean number of days snowfall equals or exceeds $0.1,1.0,3.0,5.0,10.0$ inches and snow depth equals or exceeds $1.0,3.0,5.0,10.0$ inches. The mean number of days statistics are computed from the Snow Climatology and 1971-2000 daily data.

## (4) Freeze data (Figure 4).

Freeze data tables are dates of probable first and last occurrence, during the year of selected freeze related temperatures. All freeze dates are based upon the season August 1 through July 31 for each threshold temperature. They are computed from a 1971-2000 serially complete daily data set.
A. Spring freeze dates - The probability of later date of occurrence in spring for $36,32,28,24,20$, and $16{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
B. Fall freeze dates - The probability of earlier date of occurrence in fall for 36, 32, 28, 24, 20, and $16^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
C. Freeze free period - The probable durations (in days) where the temperature exceeds certain freeze-related values ( $36,32,28,24,20$, and $16{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ )

## (5) Degree days (Figure 5).

Heating and cooling degree days to selected base temperatures are computed from 1971-2000 monthly normal temperatures and standard deviation of the temperature.

Growing degree units are computed from the 1971-2000 serially complete daily dataset. They are monthly and annual values of agriculturally related growing degree day units to selected base temperatures with special values for corn.
A. Heating Degree Days are computed for $65,60,57,55,50$, and $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ bases.
B. Cooling Degree Days are computed for 32, 55, 57, 60, 65, and $70^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ bases.
C. Growing Degree Units are computed for $40,45,50,55,60$, and $50 / 86^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ bases. The $50 / 86$ degrees F truncated base is computed by resetting minimum temperatures below $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and maximum temperatures above $86^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to $86^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.

## APPLICATIONS

This product has a variety of uses and applications.
(1). A climatological summary which provides means, medians (precipitation, snow), extremes, degree days and mean number of days exceeding specified thresholds.
(2). The precipitation probabilities can be used in several different ways. For example, the chance of having a specified precipitation amount for a given month can be easily determined. Let's say a station has the precipitation probability table as shown below.

August Monthly Precipitation vs. Probability level

| $5 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $70 \%$ | $80 \%$ | $90 \%$ | $95 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $0.91 "$ | $1.26 "$ | $1.81 "$ | $2.30 "$ | $2.78 "$ | $3.29 "$ | $3.87 "$ | $4.55 "$ | $5.44 "$ | $6.85 "$ | $8.18 "$ |

The table shows a precipitation value of 2.30 inches for the probability level 30\% in August. This tells us that there is a $30 \%$ chance that the precipitation in any given August will not exceed 2.30 inches, or conversely, there is a $70 \%$ chance that it will be greater than that amount. Looking at the $70 \%$ probability level, the table tells us that there is a $70 \%$ chance that the August precipitation will be less than or equal to 4.55 inches, and a $30 \%$ chance that it will exceed that amount. Let's further assume, in our hypothetical example, that the station has a normal August precipitation 3.76 inches. A comparison of this normal precipitation with the precipitation probability table shows that there is almost a $60 \%$ chance that any given August will have an observed precipitation amount less than or equal to the 30 -year mean (i.e., normal) value. Conversely, there is a slightly better than $40 \%$ chance that the observed amount will exceed the normal. The table shows that there is a 50-50 chance that the August precipitation will exceed 3.29 inches (or, conversely, a 50-50 chance that it will be less than 3.29 inches); this value is the median.
(3). The freeze data also has many uses. For example, the tables can be used to determine the chance, by a certain date, of the first frost ( $36^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ shelter temperature -which is a good indicator of frost in the area for most locations), or the first freeze $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, or the first hard freeze $28{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ in the fall. Analogous data is given for the last occurrence in the spring. The chance of having a period of specified duration (in days) for which the temperature exceeds a specified freeze-related temperature is given in the freeze free period part of the table. Frost-free periods are those for which the daily minimum shelter temperature exceeds the threshold value of $36^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
(4). Degree days to selected bases offers alternatives to the standard base $65^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ to calculate energy requirements.
(5). Values of average daily growing degree units are computed for six base temperatures ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ): $40,45,50,55,60$, and the truncated base $50 / 86$. The bases correspond to many of the common phenological cycles in the United States. The truncated base 50/86 represents adjustments of the daily maximum and minimum temperatures, which better describe specific growth patterns. Here, minimum temperatures below the lower base are set to the lower base ( $50^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) and maximum and/or minimum temperatures above the upper base are set to the upper base $\left(86^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$. Average daily station values of growing degree units are computed for each base temperature by an equation similar to that used for cooling degree days (compute the average daily temperature from the maximum and minimum, then sum the differences between the average daily temperature minus the base temperature for each day and each year, then divide by the number of years). The base temperature for $50 / 86$ is 50 , and the number of years is 30 . In this process, when the average daily temperature is less than the base temperature, the value for growing degree units for that day is set to zero, and the average is always rounded up to the nearest degree. The values of daily average growing degree units for each base temperature are then summed to produce the monthly and accumulated monthly totals shown in the CLIM20 tables.

## COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

(1). The monthly means are simple arithmetic averages computed by summing the monthly values for the period 1971-2000 and dividing by thirty. Prior to averaging, the data are adjusted if necessary to compensate for data quality issues, station moves or changes in station reporting practices. Missing months are replaced by estimates based on neighboring stations.
(2). The median is defined as the middle value in an ordered set of values. The median is being provided for the snow and precipitation elements because the mean can be a misleading value for precipitation normals.
(3). Only observed validated values were used to select the extreme daily values.
(4). Extreme monthly temperature/precipitation means were selected from the monthly normals data. Monthly snow extremes were calculated from daily values quality controlled to be consistent with the Snow Climatology.
(5). Degree Days were derived using the same techniques as the 1971-2000 normals. Compete documentation for the 1971-2000 Normals is available under references.
(6). Mean "number of days statistics" for temperature and precipitation were calculated from a serially complete daily data set.
(7). Snowfall and snow depth statistics were derived from the Snow Climatology, Summary of Day (SOD) data. A station's snow statistics may appear inconsistent because of the different data sources, periods of record and quality control applied.
(8). The monthly normal values of heating and cooling degree days are computed from the monthly normal temperature and the standard deviation of the temperature using methods developed by Thom (1952, 1954, 1966). The daily temperature data used in the construction of the Freeze Data and Growing Degree Units tables are extracted from a validated serially-complete database of maximum/minimum temperature observations. As a result, there are small differences between the base 55 and 60 growing degree units and cooling degree days which are estimated values.
(9). The estimation of freeze probabilities is based upon the work of Thom and Shaw (1958) and Thom (1959) which was later modified by Vestal (1971). The selected probabilities are 0.1 through 0.9 in increments of 0.1. A date associated with each of the pre-selected probability levels is computed for the last spring and first fall freeze seasons. Similarly, the number of days associated with the freeze-free period is computed for each probability level.

## Data Sources for Tables

Several different data sources were used to create the Clim20 climate summaries. In some cases the daily extremes appear inconsistent with the monthly extremes and or the mean number of days statistics. For example, a high daily extreme value may not be reflected in the highest monthly value or the mean number of days threshold that is less than and equal to the extreme value. These inconsistencies are often the result of data sources having different periods of record. Daily extremes are derived from the station's entire period of record while the serial data and normals data are for the 1971-2000 period. Therefore extremes observed before 1971 would not be included in the 1971-2000 normals or the 1971-2000 serial daily data set. Inconsistencies can also occur when monthly values are adjusted to reflect the current observing conditions or were replaced during the 1971-2000 Monthly Normals processing and are not reconciled with the Summary of the Day data.
(1). Temperature/ Precipitation Tables
A. 1971-2000 Monthly Normals
B. National Weather Service station records
D. 1971-2000 serially complete daily data
(2). Degree Day Tables
A. Monthly and Annual Heating and Cooling Degree Days Normals to Selected Bases derived from 1971-2000 Monthly Normals
B. Daily Normal Growing Degree Units to Selected Base Temperatures derived from 19712000 serially complete daily data
(3). Snow Tables
A. Snow Climatology
B. Cooperative Summary of the Day
(4). Freeze Data Tables

1971-2000 serially complete daily data

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Snow Climatology Project Description, http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/oa/climate/monitoring/snowclim/mainpage.html

NCDC Cooperative Summary of the Day Dataset, http://www1.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/documentlibrary/tddoc/td3200.pdf

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| Temperature ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mean (1) |  |  |  | Extremes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Degree Days (1) } \\ \text { Base Temp } 65 \end{gathered}$ |  | Mean Number of Days (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Month | Daily <br> Max | Daily Min | Mean | Highest <br> Dally(2) | Year | Day | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Highest } \\ \text { Month(1) } \\ \text { Mean } \end{array}$ | Year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lowest } \\ & \text { Dally( }) \end{aligned}$ | Year | Day | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lowest } \\ \text { Month(1) } \\ \text { Mean } \end{gathered}$ | Year | Heating | Cooling | Max <br> $>=$ <br> 100 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Max } \\ >= \\ 90 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Max } \\ >= \\ 50 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Max } \\ <= \\ 32 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Min } \\ <= \\ 32 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \operatorname{Min} \\ <= \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ |
| Jan | 54.4 | 31.6 | 43.0 | 80 | 1975 | 30 | 542 | 1974 | -6 | 1985 | 21 | 320 | 1977 | 686 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 22.0 | . 8 | 18.2 | . 1 |
| Feb | 59.3 | 33.8 | 46.6 | 81+ | 1996 | 27 | 52.9 | 1990 | 5 | 1996 | 5 | 39.0 | 1978 | 516 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 22.3 | . 3 | 13.5 | . 0 |
| Mar | 67.6 | 40.9 | 54.3 | 89 | 1995 | 24 | 60.6 | 1997 | 12 | 1980 | 3 | 47.5 | 1971 | 344 | 11 | . 0 | . 0 | 29.5 | . 1 | 5.6 | . 0 |
| Apr | 74.9 | 47.3 | 61.1 | $92+$ | 1987 | 23 | 65.8 | 1999 | 27 | 1987 | 1 | 55.7 | 1983 | 150 | 33 | . 0 | . 3 | 29.9 | . 0 | 1.1 | . 0 |
| May | 81.3 | 56.5 | 68.9 | 96 | 1996 | 25 | 73.6 | 1998 | 35 | 1971 | 4 | 63.3 | 1976 | 42 | 162 | . 0 | 2.5 | 31.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Jun | 87.5 | 64.5 | 76.0 | 102+ | 1985 | 7 | 80.5 | 1998 | 42 | 1984 | 1 | 71.9 | 1983 | 1 | 331 | 2 | 13.3 | 30.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Jul | 90.6 | 68.4 | 79.5 | 104+ | 1980 | 14 | 82.9 | 1993 | 55 | 1970 | 6 | 76.5 | 1975 | 0 | 450 | . 8 | 20.4 | 31.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Aug | 89.7 | 67.4 | 78.6 | 102+ | 2000 | 19 | 81.9 | 1995 | 54 | 1992 | 29 | 75.7 | 1992 | 0 | 419 | . 7 | 18.0 | 31.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Sep | 85.0 | 61.8 | 73.4 | 99 | 1980 | 17 | 77.1 | 1980 | 38 | 1983 | 22 | 69.8 | 1975 | 7 | 258 | . 0 | 8.3 | 30.0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Oct | 76.0 | 49.5 | 62.8 | 93 | 1983 | 4 | 69.2 | 1984 | 26 | 1976 | 29 | 57.1 | 1976 | 136 | 65 | . 0 | . 5 | 31.0 | . 0 | . 5 | . 0 |
| Nov | 66.2 | 41.1 | 53.7 | 86 | 2000 | 1 | 61.6 | 1985 | 14 | 1970 | 25 | 45.6 | 1976 | 353 | 11 | . 0 | . 0 | 28.7 | . 0 | 7.2 | . 0 |
| Dec | 57.2 | 34.1 | 45.7 | 81 | 1971 | 17 | 54.0 | 1971 | -1 | 1983 | 25 | 38.0 | 2000 | 600 | 1 | . 0 | . 0 | 24.6 | . 3 | 15.1 | @ |
| Ann | 74.1 | 49.7 | 62.0 | 104+ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Jul } \\ 1980 \end{gathered}$ | 14 | 82.9 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Jul } \\ 1993 \end{gathered}$ | -6 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Jan} \\ & 1985 \end{aligned}$ | 21 | 32.0 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Jan } \\ & 1977 \end{aligned}$ | 2835 | 1741 | 1.7 | 63.3 | 341.0 | 1.5 | 61.2 | . 1 |

Figure 1. Monthly and annual temperature climatologies.

| Precipitation (inches) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Precipitation Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mean Number of Days (3) |  |  |  | Precipitation Probabilities (1) <br> Probability that the monthly/annual precipitation will be equal to or less than the indicated amount |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Means/ } \\ \text { Median(1) } \end{gathered}$ |  | Extremes |  |  |  |  |  |  | Daily Precipitation |  |  |  | Monthly/Annual Precipitation vs Probability Levels <br> These values were determined from the incomplete gamma distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Month | Mean | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline \text { Med- } \\ \text { ian } \end{array}$ | Highest Dally(2) | Year | Day | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { Highest } \\ \text { Monthyy(1) } \end{array}$ | Year | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text { Lowest } \\ \text { Meontly (1) } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Year | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline> \\ 0.01 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline> \\ 0.10 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline>= \\ 0.50 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \underset{\infty}{>} \\ 1.00 \end{gathered}$ | . 05 | . 10 | . 20 | . 30 | . 40 | . 50 | . 60 | . 70 | . 80 | . 90 | . 95 |
| Jan | 6.01 | 6.59 | 3.57 | 1972 | 10 | 12.13 | 1972 | 1.01 | 1986 | 11.1 | 8.8 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 2.29 | 2.85 | 3.65 | 4.31 | 4.94 | 5.59 | 6.28 | 7.09 | 8.12 | 9.71 | 11.15 |
| Feb | 5.23 | 4.63 | 3.50 | 1981 | 11 | 9.12 | 1975 | 1.70 | 1976 | 8.8 | 6.7 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 2.11 | 2.59 | 3.27 | 3.83 | 4.36 | 4.90 | 5.48 | 6.15 | 6.99 | 8.29 | 9.47 |
| Mar | 6.56 | 5.63 | 4.16 | 1970 | 20 | 15.00 | 1980 | 1.97 | 1982 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 4.5 | 2.4 | 2.03 | 2.65 | 3.58 | 4.38 | 5.15 | 5.95 | 6.83 | 7.86 | 9.19 | 11.27 | 13.19 |
| Apr | 4.60 | 3.90 | 4.50 | 1975 | 3 | 11.65 | 1979 | ${ }^{37}$ | 1986 | 8.0 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 1.07 | 1.50 | 2.17 | 2.77 | 3.37 | 4.01 | 4.72 | 5.57 | 6.69 | 8.46 | 10.12 |
| May | 4.31 | 3.82 | 3.36 | 1973 | 28 | 12.29 | 1973 | 1.24 | 1992 | 8.9 | 6.7 | 3.4 | 1.3 | 1.49 | 1.90 | 2.49 | 2.99 | 3.47 | 3.96 | 4.50 | 5.12 | 5.93 | 7.17 | 8.31 |
| Jun | 4.48 | 3.94 | 3.55 | 1989 | 19 | 14.67 | 1989 | 49 | 1988 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 3.4 | 1.5 | . 84 | 1.24 | 1.90 | 2.50 | 3.12 | 3.79 | 4.54 | 5.45 | 6.66 | 8.61 | 10.46 |
| Jul | 5.37 | 5.43 | 2.90 | 1994 | 28 | 9.87 | 1975 | 1.25 | 1993 | 11.2 | 9.0 | 3.8 | 1.5 | 1.82 | 2.33 | 3.08 | 3.71 | 4.31 | 4.93 | 5.61 | 6.40 | 7.42 | 8.99 | 10.44 |
| Aug | 4.05 | 3.66 | 3.40 | 1984 | 2 | 7.83 | 1984 | 1.20 | 1988 | 9.7 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 1.1 | 1.60 | 1.98 | 2.51 | 2.95 | 3.36 | 3.78 | 4.24 | 4.77 | 5.44 | 6.46 | 7.39 |
| Sep | 4.05 | 3.51 | 3.62 | 1980 | 18 | 9.61 | 1988 | 80 | 1981 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 2.6 | 1.3 | . 76 | 1.12 | 1.72 | 2.27 | 2.83 | 3.43 | 4.11 | 4.94 | 6.04 | 7.80 | 9.48 |
| Oct | 2.84 | 2.80 | 3.20 | 1970 | 14 | 6.67 | 1995 | ${ }^{23}$ | 1991 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 8 | . 52 | . 77 | 1.19 | 1.57 | 1.97 | 2.39 | 2.87 | 3.46 | 4.24 | 5.49 | 6.68 |
| Nov | 4.56 | 4.13 | 3.02 | 1983 | 24 | 11.70 | 1992 | . 69 | 1981 | 8.5 | 6.8 | 3.3 | 1.6 | 1.52 | 1.95 | 2.58 | 3.12 | 3.64 | 4.17 | 4.76 | 5.44 | 6.32 | 7.68 | 8.93 |
| Dec | 5.07 | 5.02 | 4.17 | 1983 | 3 | 12.50 | 1983 | 1.04 | 1980 | 9.5 | 6.9 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 1.80 | 2.28 | 2.97 | 3.55 | 4.10 | 4.67 | 5.29 | 6.01 | 6.94 | 8.36 | 9.67 |
| Ann | 57.13 | 55.46 | 4.50 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Apr } \\ 1975 \end{array}$ | 3 | 15.00 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Mar } \\ 1980 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 23 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Oct } \\ 1991 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 108.0 | 82.7 | 40.3 | 18.4 | 42.03 | 44.99 | 48.76 | 51.61 | 54.13 | 56.55 | 59,05 | 61.81 | 65.14 | 69.95 | 74.09 |

Figure 2. Monthly and annual precipitation climatologies.

| Snow (inches) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Snow Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mean Number of Days (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Means/Medians (1) |  |  |  |  | Extremes (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Snow Fall } \\ >=\text { Thresholds } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  | Snow Depth >= Thresholds |  |  |  |
| Month | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \text { Snow } \\ \text { Fall } \\ \text { Mean } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Snow } \\ \text { Fall } \\ \text { Median } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Snow } \\ & \text { Depth } \\ & \text { Mean } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Snow } \\ \text { Depth } \\ \text { Median } \end{gathered}$ | Highest <br> Daily <br> Snow <br> Fall | Year | Day | $\begin{gathered} \text { Highest } \\ \text { Monthly } \\ \text { Snow } \\ \text { Fall } \end{gathered}$ | Year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Highest } \\ & \text { Daily } \\ & \text { Snow } \\ & \text { Depth } \end{aligned}$ | Year | Day | Highest <br> Monthly <br> Mean <br> Snow <br> Depth | Year | 0.1 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 10.0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 10 |
| Jan | . 2 | . 0 | \# | 0 | 5.0 | 1992 | 19 | 5.0 | 1992 | \#+ | 2000 | 28 | \# | 2000 | . 1 | (1) | (1) | @ | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Feb | \# | . 0 | \# | 0 | \# | 1981 | 12 | \#+ | 1981 | \# | 1971 | 13 | \# | 1971 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Mar | ${ }^{3}$ | . 0 | \# | 0 | 6.5 | 1993 | 13 | 6.5 | 1993 | 7 | 1993 | 13 | \#+ | 1993 | @ | @ | @ | @ | . 0 | @ | @ | @ | . 0 |
| Apr | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 7 | 1987 | 3 | 7 | 1987 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | @ | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| May | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Jun | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Jul | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Aug | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Sep | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Oct | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Nov | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | 0 |
| Dec | ${ }^{2}$ | . 0 | \# | 0 | 2.0 | 1996 | 19 | 2.0 | 1996 | \#+ | 2000 | 20 | \#+ | 2000 | 1 | . 1 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 | . 0 |
| Ann | . 7 | . 0 | \# | 0 | 6.5 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Mar } \\ & 1993 \end{aligned}$ | 13 | 6.5 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mar } \\ & 1993 \end{aligned}$ | 7 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Mar } \\ 1993 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 13 | \#+ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec } \\ & 2000 \end{aligned}$ | 2 | . 1 | @ | @ | . 0 | @ | @ | @ | . 0 |

Figure 3. Monthly and annual snow climatologies.

| Spring Freeze Dates (Month/Day) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\text { Temp }(F)$ | Probability of later date in spring (thru Jul 31) than indicated(*) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | . 10 | . 20 | . 30 | . 40 | . 50 | . 60 | . 70 | . 80 | . 90 |
| 36 | 4/22 | 4/18 | 4/15 | 4/12 | 4/10 | 4/07 | 4/05 | 4/01 | 3/28 |
| 32 | 4/17 | 4/11 | 4/06 | 4/03 | $3 / 30$ | 3/27 | 3/23 | 3/19 | 3/13 |
| 28 | 3/24 | 3/19 | 3/15 | 3/11 | 3/08 | 3/05 | 3/01 | 2/25 | 2/20 |
| 24 | 3/18 | 3/09 | 3/03 | 2/26 | 2/21 | 2/16 | 2/10 | $2 / 04$ | 1/27 |
| 20 | 3/11 | 3/02 | 2/24 | 2/18 | 2/13 | 2108 | 2/03 | 1/27 | 1/18 |
| 16 | 3/07 | 2/25 | 2/17 | 2/10 | $2 / 03$ | 1/27 | 1/18 | 1/02 | 0/00 |
| Fall Freeze Dates (Month/Day) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temp (F) | Probability of earlier date in fall (beginning Aug 1) than indicated(*) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | . 10 | . 20 | . 30 | . 40 | . 50 | . 60 | . 70 | . 80 | . 90 |
| 36 | $10 / 07$ | 10/13 | 10/16 | 10/19 | 10/22 | 10/25 | 10/29 | 11/01 | 11/07 |
| 32 | 10/24 | 10/29 | 11/02 | 11/05 | 11/08 | 11/11 | 11/14 | 11/17 | 11/22 |
| 28 | 11/04 | 11/09 | 11/13 | 11/16 | 11/19 | 11/22 | 11/26 | 11/29 | 12/05 |
| 24 | 11/20 | 11/28 | 12/03 | 12/08 | 12/12 | 12/16 | 12/21 | 12/27 | 1/03 |
| 20 | 12/03 | 12/12 | 12/19 | 12/24 | 12/30 | 1/04 | 1/09 | 1/16 | 1/25 |
| 16 | $12 / 07$ | 12/20 | 12/30 | 1/08 | 1/17 | 1/27 | $2 / 08$ | 3/02 | 0/00 |
| Freeze Free Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temp (F) | Probability of longer than indicated freeze free period (Days) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | . 10 | . 20 | . 30 | .40 | . 50 | . 60 | . 70 | . 80 | . 90 |
| 36 | 211 | 205 | 201 | 198 | 195 | 192 | 188 | 185 | 179 |
| 32 | 245 | 237 | 231 | 226 | 222 | 217 | 212 | 206 | 199 |
| 28 | 280 | 271 | 265 | 260 | 255 | 250 | 245 | 239 | 231 |
| 24 | 323 | 313 | 306 | 300 | 294 | 288 | 282 | 274 | 264 |
| 20 | >365 | 345 | 334 | 325 | 317 | 310 | 302 | 293 | 280 |
| 16 | $>365$ | >365 | >365 | >365 | $>365$ | 335 | 319 | 306 | 290 |

Figure 4. Freeze data.

| Degree Days to Selected Base Temperatures ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | Heating Degree Days (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Below | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Ann |
| 65 | 686 | 516 | 344 | 150 | 42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 136 | 353 | 600 | 2835 |
| 60 | 542 | 379 | 216 | 64 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 62 | 227 | 458 | 1960 |
| 57 | 457 | 301 | 154 | 32 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 165 | 375 | 1522 |
| 55 | 404 | 251 | 119 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 131 | 323 | 1268 |
| 50 | 285 | 146 | 52 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 62 | 213 | 766 |
| 32 | 37 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 56 |


| Base | Cooling Degree Days (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Above | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Ann |
| 32 | 377 | 410 | 690 | 873 | 1143 | 1320 | 1473 | 1442 | 1241 | 953 | 648 | 439 | 11009 |
| 55 | 31 | 15 | 96 | 201 | 432 | 630 | 760 | 729 | 551 | 260 | 89 | 33 | 3827 |
| 57 | 22 | 9 | 69 | 155 | 372 | 570 | 698 | 667 | 491 | 211 | 64 | 23 | 3351 |
| 60 | 14 | 2 | 38 | 97 | 286 | 480 | 605 | 574 | 402 | 146 | 35 | 13 | 2692 |
| 65 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 33 | 162 | 331 | 450 | 419 | 258 | 65 | 11 | 1 | 1741 |
| 70 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 74 | 191 | 295 | 265 | 135 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 991 |


| Growing Degree Units (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | Growing Degree Units (Monthly) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Growing Degree Units (Accumulated Monthly) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| 40 | 186 | 240 | 471 | 655 | 918 | 1101 | 1244 | 1213 | 1017 | 717 | 430 | 237 | 186 | 426 | 897 | 1552 | 2470 | 3571 | 4815 | 6028 | 7045 | 7762 | 8192 | 8429 |
| 45 | 103 | 144 | 331 | 506 | 763 | 951 | 1089 | 1058 | 867 | 562 | 295 | 133 | 103 | 247 | 578 | 1084 | 1847 | 2798 | 3887 | 4945 | 5812 | 6374 | 6669 | 6802 |
| 50 | 49 | 77 | 209 | 359 | 608 | 801 | 934 | 903 | 717 | 408 | 179 | 73 | 49 | 126 | 335 | 694 | 1302 | 2103 | 3037 | 3940 | 4657 | 5065 | 5244 | 5317 |
| 55 | 23 | 34 | 112 | 232 | 454 | 651 | 779 | 748 | 568 | 269 | 94 | 32 | 23 | 57 | 169 | 401 | 855 | 1506 | 2285 | 3033 | 3601 | 3870 | 3964 | 3996 |
| 60 | 1 | 8 | 46 | 124 | 306 | 501 | 624 | 593 | 419 | 151 | 42 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 55 | 179 | 485 | 986 | 1610 | 2203 | 2622 | 2773 | 2815 | 2823 |
| Base | Growing Degree Units for Corn (Monthly) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Growing Degree Units for Corn (Accumulated Monthly) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50/86 | 122 | 164 | 308 | 424 | 610 | 754 | 854 | 835 | 689 | 471 | 283 | 160 | 122 | 286 | 594 | 1018 | 1628 | 2382 | 3236 | 4071 | 4760 | 5231 | 5514 | 5674 |

Figure 5. Degree days.

